THESE ROOTS

ALAN JOHNSTON
A photographer and bluegrass musician

SHAWN & STEPHANIE PENWARDEN
New residents in McDowell County who have started a business serving locals and ATV tourists

COMMUNITY FOOTAGE: A Future for Half-Pint
Shawn Penwarden captures a special moment with his child

NESSIE HUNT
A banjo player and young mother

JOSH CLEVENER
High school student who has dreams of being an actor
FOR EACH OTHER

LINDA & BOB MCKINNEY
Directors of the only food bank in McDowell County

MARY LEWIS
A fitness instructor who teaches classes everywhere from city halls to parking lots

LITERACY CAMP
A day of learning at Big Creek People in Action

COMMUNITY FOOTAGE: Anawalt Elementary Closes Its Doors
A neighborhood school closes

MARSHA TIMPSON
Executive director of Big Creek People in Action
FOR THE LAND

RON SERINO
A firefighter who is originally from New York

SHAWN PENWARDEN
A new resident to McDowell believes tourism is the future

TONY WHEELER
A fly fisherman who regularly visits the Elkhorn Creek

PENNI PADGETT
Efforts to improve infrastructure and housing

Empty houses are scattered throughout the county

HAROLD MCBRIDE
A local business owner and county commissioner

DARREN BLANKENSHIP
A local artist who started his first tattoo studio in McDowell
WHEN COAL WAS KING

HARRY & ANNA SWITCH
A couple who fell in love in the coal camps

ELLIS RAY WILLIAMS
A former educator talks about the lack of economic diversification

COMMUNITY FOOTAGE: Cape Coalwood
A young boy talks about the impact of the October Sky festival in his community

COAL MINERS DEEP UNDERGROUND
A journey with a team of underground coal miners

BLACK LUNG CLINIC
Black lung disease is on the rise, especially among younger miners

ALEXANDER WRIGHT
A resident is concerned about strip mining near his home

COMMUNITY FOOTAGE: Alternative Energy in McDowell
Two residents brainstorm about micro-hydro power for their home

ED SHEPARD
A 90-year-old who has operated his business since the boom days
AROUND THE BEND

ROBERT & SARAH DIAZ
Missionaries find a new home in McDowell

JOLENE JUSTICE
A mother of four children dreams of opening a bakery

COMMUNITY FOOTAGE: Downtown Welch, W.Va.
Katelyn Justice films downtown Welch and her ideas for improvement

ELAINE LACARIA
A boutique owner promotes renewal for future generations

COMMUNITY FOOTAGE:
Fred Rice films downtown Keystone and his ideas for improvements

MARKELLA GIANATO
A restaurant owners talks about her Greek heritage and overcoming the major floods

COMMUNITY FOOTAGE:
Wandering on Belcher Mountain
The explorations of 12-year-old Matthew Goodson

TOM ACOSTA
An artist paints the largest mural in West Virginia